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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO JULY 22, 2010 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sirs:

This Amendment and Reply (hereinafter referred to as "Reply") is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 22, 2010 in connection with the above-identified application. A response was originally due on October 22, 2010. A Request for Extension of Time (Three Months) accompanies this paper and is attached herein as Exhibit 1. Upon granting of the extension request, the new deadline for responding to the July 22, 2010 Office Action is Monday, January 24, 2011. Accordingly, this Reply is timely filed.

A Request for Continued Examination also accompanies this paper and is attached herewith as Exhibit 2.